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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

- Our residence address, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter that which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **REAR BOOT HOOD WITH CONSTANT PRESSURE LOCKING AND EQUIPPED VEHICLE**, the specification of which was filed on January 19, 2005 and was amended by way of preliminary amendment.

- ☒ The specification was filed on June 30, 2004, as PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/FR04/01688 and was amended on N/A (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

Under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b), we hereby claim foreign priority benefits of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or under Title 35, United States Code, § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, which are listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any International applications having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year filed | Priority Claimed |
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Under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e), we hereby claim the benefit of priority of any United States provisional patent applications listed below:

Prior Provisional Application(s):**Application Number****Filing Date**

None

Under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, we hereby claim the benefit of priority of any United States patent application(s) or under Title 35, United States Code, § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, which are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International applications(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, and we acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37,

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Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s):Serial No.Filing DateStatus: Patented, Pending, Abandoned

NONE

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As named inventors, we hereby appoint the registered practitioners of McDermott Will & Emery LLP, included in the Customer Number provided below, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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